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In re Application of

Rueben Hoppenstein, et al.

Application No. 10/572,411

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Attorney Docket No. HOP07.019

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 2007, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration statement signed by applicant Rueben Hoppenstein. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being referred back to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to process the reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (Notice). This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.


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